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Executive Secretary

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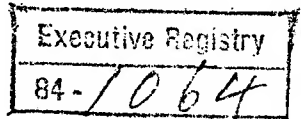


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February 23, 1984



President:  
Dr. Mehmet A. Sherif  
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Mr. William J. Casey  
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Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

Vice President and  
Secretary:  
Priscilla B. Collins  
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The Northwest Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution will hold a conference entitled "Arab-Israeli Conflict - Strategies for Peaceful Resolution" on May 4, 5 and 6, 1984 at the University of Washington in Seattle. We have invited a group of eminent authorities to address the cultural, economic, political, historical and strategic aspects of the problem. A panel discussion will follow on Sunday, which will focus on recommendations for peaceful resolution of the conflict.

Vice President and  
Treasurer:  
Harriet S. Bullitt  
Publisher, Pacific  
Northwest Magazine

I am enclosing a copy of our program. Since this is an emotional issue, we have deliberately included speakers whose views are not extreme, and who do not represent special interest groups. In fact, we are proud of being completely independent; we do not accept financial support from any government, special interest groups or non-U.S. citizens. We are receiving volunteer services and support from local civic and business leaders.

Joseph C. Baillargeon  
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Even though we do not want direct U.S. government participation in these conferences, the Board of Directors does feel it would be most appropriate and beneficial to have one or two official observers from the Central Intelligence Agency. We believe that the personal observations and presence of high level CIA people would serve to share the views as well as the spirit of the Conference with those government leaders who affect U.S. policy.

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and Haley,  
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John Hewitt, Jr.  
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I hope you will identify one or two people of high standing in your Agency so that I may have the opportunity to invite them as observers to the Conference. It is our

Dr. Richard Younge  
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intention to publish the Conference proceedings and recommendations. If your people prefer not to have their remarks recorded, we will arrange it.

For further information, I am sending along a copy of my letter to Former Under Secretary Harold Saunders, which is typical of the invitations we sent.

The focus of our Institute is quite broad. The 1985 conference is entitled "Pacific Rim Countries - Opportunities for Economic Cooperation and Resolution of Competing Interests".

I realize that many pressing matters require your attention; however, in view of our time limitations, it would be greatly appreciated if I could hear from you at your earliest convenience.

With my best personal regards.

Respectfully yours,

*M. A. Sherif (signed in his absence)*  
Mehmet A. Sherif  
President.

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